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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING SOFT MAGNETIC MATERIAL, SOFT MAGNETIC POWDER, AND DUST CORE		

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Sir:

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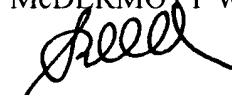
believed that Applicants have met all requirements regarding duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56. Acknowledgement and consideration of these documents are respectfully requested.

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The relevance of **JP 2002-2462198 A**, is discussed in the present specification.

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